

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK EXAMINER**

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 7/16/07**

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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

**[0001]** The Mihcak reference relied upon for the anticipation-based and obviousness-based rejections is not a valid reference because the Application has an effective filing date prior to the filing date of the Mihcak reference.

**[0002]** This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.